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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Elizabeth Cirves, 44, of Madison, Wis., was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 151 months in prison, followed by an eight-year term of supervised release, for possessing crack cocaine with intent to distribute it. Cirves was also ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine. Cirves pleaded guilty to this charge on January 16, 2008.

Cirves was arrested on October 8, 2007, and a search of her car incident to arrest revealed more than 5 grams of crack cocaine, powder cocaine, a scale and \$13,000 cash. Cirves received a 151-month sentence because her criminal history, which includes many drug offenses, spans twenty-five years.

The charge against Cirves was the result of an investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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